

League. Nearly 300 civic and business leaders gathered in Portland to thank Margaret for the leadership she provided to the Urban League during a very crucial time.

I first got to know Margaret when I came to the Oregon State Senate in 1993. At that time, she was serving the fifth of her seven terms in the Oregon State House of Representatives, where she made history as the first African-American woman ever elected to the Oregon House.

Margaret was a Democrat representing inner-city Portland. I was a Republican representing rural Eastern Oregon. Yet, we quickly became friends and decided there were a number of projects on which we could unite our efforts. We have been working together ever since.

An educator by training, Margaret has worked as a youth counselor, the assistant director of a community action agency, and for 27 years she served on the faculty of Portland Community College, where she was a founder of the PCC Skills Center. While in the State Senate, I was proud to work with Margaret to preserve funding for the Skills Center, which is a center of hope for those looking for a better future.

In 2000, Margaret was elected to the Oregon State Senate, having won the nomination of both the Democrat and Republican parties. Her legislative achievements include helping to create a statewide Head Start program and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. She was also the chief sponsor of the law that created a state holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indeed, few Oregonians have done more to make Dr. King's dreams a reality than Margaret Carter.

Included among Margaret's many talents is the fact that she has one of the most remarkable singing voices I have ever heard. While I couldn't join in the dinner in her honor this week, I did want to raise my voice here on the Senate floor to pay tribute to a woman who I am honored to call my friend a woman who is a true Oregon hero.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY COX

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I congratulate Ms. Mary Cox for being honored as Missouri's Outstanding Older Worker by the Experience Works Senior Workforce Solutions. Mary was nominated by her employer at the Kansas City Public Library in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1997, Mary began working for the library as a trainee with the Jewish Vocational Services and has been there ever since. "I had no idea what I could do, but after only one week, I knew the library was a place I wanted to work," Mary stated. At the library, she entered a fast-paced, highly computerized, and customer service oriented world. Mary spent her first year learning how to shelve books, organize materials, and then received computer training. She loves her work as a library clerk because she continually

learns new information and enjoys helping library patrons complete research. Mary says, "working keeps me strong physically and mentally." I commend Mary for her dedication and the Kansas City Public Library's contribution to the Kansas City community.●

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY LAMAR

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the bravery and courage of Anthony Lamar who saved the life of his schoolmate, fifth grader Walter Britton. While working the tree house, Walter lost his balance and reached back to grab onto a branch, but instead he grabbed a live wire. Anthony pulled Walter off the live wire saving his life and helped Walter home. I commend Anthony for his bravery and courage and hope his example will encourage others to assist those in need.●

TRIBUTE TO MARSHAL JOHN WRIGHT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Marshal John Wright. On June 20, 2002 a minivan collided with a train killing three adults and the only survivor was a 5½-year-old child named Allison Seymour. Bucklin City Marshal John Wright observed the accident from his police car, about a block and a half away from the railroad tracks and rushed to the wreck. He found Allison Seymour belted in a car seat, crying but conscious and alert. Marshal Wright held Allison's hand and was able to keep her calm until the paramedics arrived to life flight her to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Allison's injuries consisted of a broken femur on her right leg and lacerations on her half calf. While at the crash scene, Marshal Wright was at personal risk from the threat of an explosion from leaking gasoline, but his concern was for Allison's welfare. I commend Marshal Wright for his selfless actions and hope his example will encourage others to assist those in need.●

TRIBUTE TO ERIC C. HURST

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to your attention an outstanding individual, Eric C. Hurst of Minot, ND.

This young man tragically lost his life in an attempt to rescue one of my fellow Iowans. Mr. Hurst loved his job as a canoe guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. While working on July 30, 2002, Mr. Hurst witnessed a young lady, Jamie Christenson, drowning in the boundary Waters near Basswood Falls. Without hesitation, Mr. Hurst dove in to rescue Ms. Christenson. Unfortunately, both Mr. Hurst and Ms. Christenson were pulled under water by the strong undercurrent. When they surfaced, revival attempts were futile.

Although this story has a tragic ending, we must not forget the heroism displayed by Eric Hurst. He was willing to try to save Ms. Christenson from the turbulent waters of Basswood Falls without regard to the danger it posed to his own life. This is truly the ultimate sacrifice one can make.

It is with deep respect and great sadness that I recognize Mr. Eric C. Hurst before this body of Congress and this nation for his unselfish act of heroism. Eric Hurst and Jamie Christenson will be missed by the many people they touched in their life and I express my sincere condolences to their families.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH R. DEVINE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph R. Devine, Chief of Police in Merrimack, NH. Joseph has faithfully served our country for the past 28 years, first in the United States Army and then as a member of the Police Force.

Joseph began his career in law enforcement in 1956 with the Johnston, Rhode Island Police Department. During his tenure then, Joseph proved to be a valuable asset and was rewarded with numerous promotions. Hired originally as a Special officer, Joseph was promoted to Full Time Officer 2 years later, followed by another 3 promotions, eventually leaving him with the rank of Deputy Chief in 1970. His 14 years of dutiful service in Johnston prepared him for his future duties, giving him valuable experience and on the job training.

Joseph later served as the Chief of Police for both St. Johnsbury and Claremont, New Hampshire before settling in the Town of Merrimack. It was there that he has spent the past 21 years making the streets safe for children and adults, patrolling our neighborhoods, and faithfully serving the residents of Merrimack. He will be sorely missed by those who he protected for so many years. Throughout his career, Joseph received numerous awards celebrating his distinguished career, from the VFW Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service to the Life Membership Award from the International Association of Chief of Police to the Professionalism in Law Enforcement Award.

Joseph serves as a positive example to those in law enforcement and to all Granite Staters. He has served his country well and made his family proud. The Town of Merrimack has benefitted greatly from his expertise, and I am confident that in years to come, Joseph will make his expertise and knowledge readily available to the Police Department. It has been an honor and a privilege representing you in the United States Senate. I wish you continued happiness and success in the years to come.●